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# PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AIR FORCE OF CHINA



**COMMANDER**  
Wang Hai

A founder of the PLAAF... model student at Munda Jiang Aviation Academy in Manchuria 1949... served in several low-level Air Force divisions 1950-55... Korean War veteran; earned first-class citation for shooting down nine enemy jets... commander, 3rd Air Division, 1959... responsible person, Jiangsu Military District, 1967-73... deputy chief of staff, Guangzhou Military Region, 1975-83... PLAAF Deputy Commander 1983-85... member, Central Committee, Chinese Communist Party, since 1985... visited the United States in 1984... 61 years old.



**POLITICAL COMMISSAR**  
Zhu Guang

Appointed secretary, Chinese Communist Party Committee, PLAAF in 1986... former deputy secretary, Central Military Commission Discipline Inspection Committee, Central Military Commission.

**DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSARS**  
Gao Xingmin  
Liu Zhao

**Li Yongtai**

Responsible for training... only deputy commander to remain in place since Wang Hai became commander... trained in Japanese aircraft in Manchuria... joined Air Force after World War II... piloted aircraft in Korean war... air division commander, Fuzhou Military Region, 1967-75... commander, Air Force, Wuhan Military Region, 1976-83... Korean minority... about 55 years old.

**DEPUTY COMMANDERS**  
Lin Hu

Responsible for pilot training... only deputy commander appointed after Wang Hai became commander... a founder of the PLAAF... one of China's most experienced fighter pilots... has flown at least 40 types of aircraft, including Japanese and Soviet... joined 8th Route Army during Sino-Japanese War... served with PLAAF in Korean War... chief of staff, 2nd Air Corps, Guangzhou Military Region, circa 1963-78... attached to Lanzhou Military Region Air Force, 1970s... visited United States in 1986... 59 years old.

**Yu Zhenwu**

Responsible for administrative affairs... probably executive deputy commander... appointed with Wang Hai... one of PLA's original test pilots... praised by Marshal Peng Dehuai and Ye Jianying as possessing superior flying skills and bravery... joined PLA at 16... served as pilot and group commander at regiment and division levels... director, Training Department, Air Force Headquarters, circa 1978-79... participated in 1979 Vietnam border conflict... cited by Chinese media at that time for outstanding organizational and command abilities... commander, Air Force, Guangzhou Military Region, 1979-85... alternate member, Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, since 1981... 55 years old.

**CHIEF OF STAFF**  
Ma Zhanmin

Experienced pilot with extensive technical knowledge... joined the PLA in 1947... has been an air force squadron leader, group leader, regimental commander, and divisional commander... director, Training Department Headquarters, PLAAF, 1977-78... PLAAF deputy chief of staff 1978-82... deputy, National People's Congress, 1983... visited United States 1982... 54 years old.

**DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF**  
Chen Hongyou  
Xin Dianfeng  
Zhang Zhizhi

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Director:

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